In which these guidelines hve a limited applicability. However, as soon as information about the fire and its impact on Indian pilgrims was made known to the Government on the afternoon of April 15, our Mission in Riyadh and the Consulate General in Jeddah were issued instructions to take all possible steps for relief and assistance to the injured pilgrims. The mission set up control rooms in Jeddah, Mecca and Riyadh to collect and disseminate the information on the casualties, and to co-ordinate the relief work and to handle enquiries from the relatives of the pilgrims. On the night of April 15 itself, food and drinking water was arranged for over 5,000 pilgrims. On subsequent days, a comprehensive routine was developed by the mission to (i) visit the morgue near Mina with relatives of the missing/ dead to help identify the dead; (ii) daily visits to all the hospitals in Mecca and Mina by the Indian medical mission to ascertain position regarding the Indians injured; (iii) setting up of a special dressing room for burns in the main dispensary at Mecca; (iv) making arrangements in all the nine branch dispensaries in Mecca for the treatment of the injured; (v) daily visits by doctors of Indian medical mission to all the buildings housing Indian pilgrims in Mecca; (vi) rendering assistance to indigent pilgrims through the Indian pilgrims Welfare Forum, Jeddah, which is a voluntary organization of resident Indians.

(e) and (f) A four member team comprising of three MPs and one former MP with experience in Haj matters visited Saudi Arabia from April 25–May 1 to enquire after the welfare of the pilgrims particularly the injured, and next of in and to advise on further relief measures as well as to take stock of the overall situatioin regarding missing pilgrims. The team visited the site of the fire and the injured pilgrims receiving treatement in the hospitals, met other pilgrims and had discussions with the Saudi officials concerned with the Haj arrangement and Indian Ambassador and the Consul General. The team's recommendation for immediate disbursement of financial relief to the injured being treated in Saudi Arabia and grant of ex-gratia relief of rupees one lakh to the permanently disabled have been accepted The teams report including its other recommendations are under the consideration of the Government. Earlier an official team led by Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs visited Jeddah on April 17-20 to assess the situation and to supervise relief measures required.

Foreign Exchange

*448. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have surrendered foreign exchange during the last three years as required under Section 14 of FERA;

(b) whether the Government have set up any machinery to identify the law violators;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons identified and prosecuted during the above period;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check illegal accumulation of foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Data in this regard are not being separately generated.

(b) to (d) A separate department namely the Enforcement Directorate is there to deal with the violators of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act, 1973 (FERA). Number of persons prosecuted in the courts for violations of the provisions of the FERA during the last three years are as under:

Year	Number of prosecutions launched
1994	264
1995	202
1996	101

(e) The Government, through its enforcement agencies, keeps a regular check on illegal accumulation of foreign exchange.

Currency Notes and Coins

*449. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of currency notes and coins of different denominations which are in circulation in the country;

(b) whether the Government monitor the position of currency notes and coins of different denomination;

(c) if so, the details of the currency notes and coins which are in short supply; and

(d) the steps taken to fulfil the demand of such denomination currency notes and coins?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a)The currency notes and coins